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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Masashi ONOUE

Ser. No.: 09/761,844

Group Art Unit: 3639

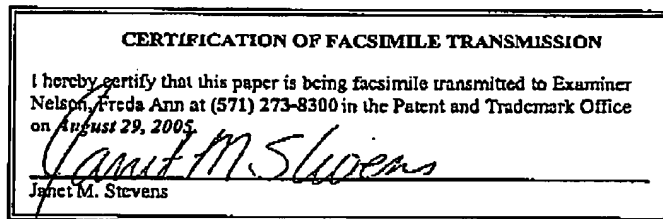
Filed: January 16, 2001

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For: CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, FRANCHISE SYSTEM  
PROVIDED WITH THE CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
CHARGE CALCULATING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
(37 CFR §1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114, for the above identified application.
2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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    - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 was filed \_\_\_\_\_  
(copy attached).
  - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
    - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
      - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
      - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated.

3. Please Enter and Consider the following *Previously Submitted Documents*:

- ☐ Amendment filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Brief on Appeal filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other:

## 4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
- ☒ An Amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

## 5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

RCE Filing Fee (37 CFR §1.17(e))						\$ 790.00
Claims	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	No. of Extra Claims Present		
Total Claims	28	Minus	32	0	\$ 50.00	
Independent Claims	5	Minus	5	0	\$ 200.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					\$ 360.00	
<p align="center"><u>Extension of Term</u></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) ..... \$ 120.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) ..... \$ 450.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) ..... \$1,020.00</p> <p>If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.</p>						\$ 120.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =						\$ 910.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.						
TOTAL FEES DUE =						\$ 910.00

6. Payment of Fees

[ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

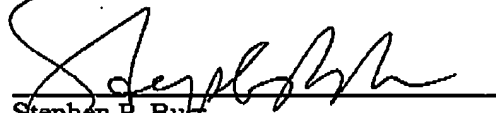
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7. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment

[x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446 (a duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed):

[x] Any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.17(e), §1.16(b)-(d) and/or §1.17(a)(1)-(4).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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